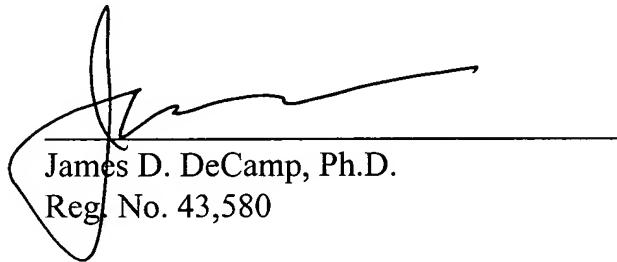


REMARKS

Applicants amend the claims as annexed to the International Preliminary Examination Report issued in PCT/EP2003/013327. Applicants note that there is no intention to abandon any subject matter with regard to any deleted matter. Applicants also amend the specification to cross-reference related applications. A courtesy copy of the present specification is enclosed, but the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) copy should be relied upon if it is already present in the U.S. Patent Office file. No new matter has been added by the present amendment.

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